being complied with but the entry at the foot of the Government Order originally made because of special reasons is being unnecessarily repeated and will not be done in future."

Supply of Jails Administration Report for 1951 to American Consul at Madras.

* 658 *Q*.—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a copy of Jails Administration Report for 1951 was sent to American Consul at Madras;

(*b*) whether any enclosures were sent along with it;

(*c*) if so, whether the copies of such enclosures would be placed on the table of the House;

(*d*) why such reports are sent to representatives of foreign Governments;

(*e*) whether our Government received such reports from American or any other foreign Government; and

(*f*) if so, what are those Governments?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Yes.

"(*c*) The enclosure sent is a copy of the Government Order recording the report and of the summary of the salient features in the report. Copies of the full report have already been distributed to all the Members of the House.

" (*d*) Annual Administration Reports on Jails and certain other administration reports are sent to the American Consulate-General at Madras with reference to a request received from him for such reports which are published or made available to the local press. The administration report on Jails is not supplied to any other Representative of foreign Governments.

" (*e*) No administration reports on Jails have been asked for or are received from foreign Governments.

" (*f*) Does not arise."

* SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Sir, I would like to know whether any other foreign Embassy asked for a copy of that Report? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" I have answered that nobody applied."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" May I add to that answer, Sir? When anybody applies for it, it will be given. Our administration is an open administration."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" Sir, did the Government ascertain the reasons for the American Embassy showing special interest with regard to the Jail administration? Or do they show similar interest in regard to other administration reports and if so what are they? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, I may inform the hon. Member of the Communist Party who has put this question that the American Embassy and their staff are asking for information about seeds, about agriculture, about products of various kinds, about commerce and about everything and that information which is available to all and sundry is being given to them also. Any information of strategical value, I am sorry to say, cannot be given."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" The Government being a very open Government, are the Government aware, Sir, that the American Embassy is not only asking for the information regarding agriculture, industry, electricity, hospitals and jails but is also asking for information about certain political parties and their activities and are the Government going to give such information to outside agencies regarding all other matters because they are open minded? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, political questions and information and things of that kind described last by the hon. Member are not matter for information or matter for giving of information, whether it is one Government or another Government. But other matters of statistical and general importance which are all discussed in the United Nations and things like that we are giving and we have no objection to give. But matters of internal and political importance are not communicated. We definitely say it, and we resist any attempt on the part of the Embassies anywhere to get such information."

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—" May I know, Sir, whether our Government has at any time addressed any other Embassy or foreign Government to send similar reports? If so what are the Governments and the results? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, without our asking, America and Russia are both dumping such literature on us."

SRI G. NAGESWARA RAO :—" అయ్యా, లా మంత్రిగారు 1951-52 సంవత్సరంలో ఈ అమెరికన్ కాన్సలును కలుసుకొని జైళ్లలోయుండే కమ్యూనిస్టు ఖైదీలను గురించి ఎప్పుడైనా మాట్లాడినారా? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" No such discussion arose, Sir."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, if the question is whether I have met the American Consul-General, I must in honour say I have met him. I have met not only the American Consul-General but the Ambassador of Russia in India."